

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claim 1 was amended to delete carbonates, bicarbonates from the list of gas-releasing components. Claims 1 and 16 were amended to recite that the potassium silicate is present in an amount of at least 20% by weight. Claim 10 was amended to delete alkali sesquicarbonate and alkali carbonate from the list of alkalinity agents. Claim 11 was amended to recite that the alkalinity agent is sodium hydroxide. Claim 16 was amended to recite that the alkalinity agent is an alkali hydroxide. Claim 25 was amended to reintroduce language from original claim 25. Support may be found in paragraph [0056]. Claims 28 and 31 were amended to refer to the "base" recited in the base claim. Claims 29 and 31 were amended to recite a synthetic zeolite, as disclosed in paragraphs [0020] and [0032]. Claims 6 and 18 were cancelled.

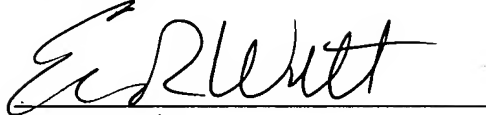
Applicant expresses appreciation to Examiner Webb for discussing this patent application with Applicant's attorney on October 18, 2005. During that telephonic interview the foregoing amendments were discussed as they relate to the prior art cited in the Office Action. It was agreed that the foregoing amendments distinguish the cited prior art. It was further agreed that the claims appear to be in condition for allowance, subject to the Examiner's updated patent search.

In the Office Action, the claims were rejected under Section 102(b) and 102(e) as being anticipated by five different patent documents: Sorensson, Bartelme, Davies, Yurko, and Mazzola. During the telephonic interview it was noted that these references generally are directed to cleaning agents with high solubility. The claimed inclusion of potassium silicate at relatively high concentration for the recited purpose "to limit the solubility of the cleaning composition" was contrary to conventional teachings. Moreover, the claimed cleaning composition "in solid state" was contrary to the prior art disclosure of powders and granules pressed into a tablet or similar form. It was further agreed that the cited prior art patents did not disclose the method of making the cleaning composition of claim 25. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections under Section 102.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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